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In re Application of:

Peter O. Schmidt *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/801,442

Filed: March 7, 2001

For: **AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE
UTILIZING AN EARPLUG
SUPPORT ELEMENT AND
METHOD FOR PROVIDING THE
SAME**

) Group Art Unit: 2643

) Examiner: Tran, S.

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Sir:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-1275. **An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.**

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) **AND 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) FOR**
) **ACCEPTANCE OF LATE**
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Sir:

The applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 AND 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for acceptance of late withdrawal of request for non-publication. It was unintentional that this withdrawal of the request for non-publication was filed late. A petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) of \$1280.00 is also enclosed.

Following the introduction of the rules providing for publication of U.S. patent applications, the law firm of Haverstock & Owens LLP instituted two new procedures for docketing entries to prevent an application from being filed in a foreign jurisdiction which automatically publishes while leaving a request for non-publication. First, a docket entry is automatically calendared when a PCT application is filed to check the U.S. parent case and determine whether a request for non-publication was lodged, and if so, to withdraw such request. Second, when a U.S. patent application is filed a docket entry is automatically calendared for twelve months from the filing, to remind the responsible attorney at the foreign filing deadline to check whether a foreign application was filed and determine whether a request for non-publication needed to be withdrawn.

Once each week, a docket meeting is convened during which our foreign filing assistant was instructed to prepare a withdrawal of the request for non-publication in this case. This assistant is generally reliable; upon providing such assignments to our foreign filing assistant, I presume that the assigned task will be completed and submitted for my review and signature.

Upon discovering on May 6, 2002, that the assigned task was in fact not done, I immediately prepared this petition.

In this case, we were instructed to file a PCT application which claims priority of two U.S. cases. In particular the other case is U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/801,398, filed March 7, 2001. Though we intended to rescind the request for non-publication, through inadvertance, we only rescinded the request for withdrawal from publication in the file for 09/801,398. As it is unusual for us to file a PCT application that claims priority of more than one U.S. application, we unintentionally failed to file this application.

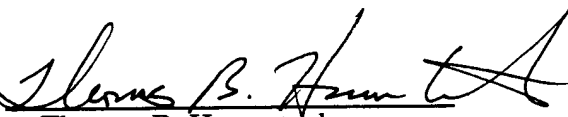
RESCISSION OF REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION

The request for non-publication of this application identified above, filed with the original application papers, is hereby rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,
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